**Reading and Writing Reasons**

**You should *read* because…**

…reading is rewarding.

…reading builds a mature vocabulary

…reading makes you a better writer.

…reading is hard and “hard” is necessary.

…reading makes you smarter.

…reading prepares you for the world of work.

…reading well is financially rewarding.

…reading opens the door to college and beyond.

…reading arms you against oppression.

**You should *write* because…**

…writing is hard, but “hard” is rewarding.

…writing helps you sort things out.

…writing helps to persuade others.

…writing helps to fight oppression.

…writing makes you a better reader.

…writing helps you get into and through college.

…writing prepares you for the world of work.

Kelly Gallagher’s “Running with the Literacy Stampede” in *Teaching Adolescent Writers*